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### Heidelberg Hosts New Military IDOL Contest

The first Military Idol will give active-duty service members a chance to sing their songs on 34 Army installations around the world this summer, including nine in Europe. Organized by the Community and Family Support Center at Dept of Army, Military Idol is based on the principles of Fox television's "American Idol."

Heidelberg MWR will hold open auditions Sep 16 at 7 p.m., followed by the first show on Sep 23, and the finals on Sep 30, all at the Recovery Room, on the Hospital Kaserne. There is no fee to audition, and admission to all shows is free.

This competition is for active-duty Army contestants, although active-duty members of another service who are assigned on orders specifically to Heidelberg may also compete here. Application forms and complete contest rules are at <http://www.mwrgermany.com/heidelberg/boss/idol/home.htm>. This is an entirely new contest from the recent BOSS IDOL.

Only vocalists need apply. The initial audition will be *a cappella*, and all other performances must be with a CD accompaniment (no *a cappella* or live accompaniment will be allowed). Contestants will sing only one song at each round, which must be at least 1 min 30 sec, and no longer than 4 min 30 sec long. Each judge will critique each performer.

The audience will also be a judge. At the first show, their vote will be worth 50% of the total vote, along with the judges. At the finals, only the audience votes determine the winner. Exciting doorprizes will be given away, too.

All local winners will be sent TDY to the world-wide finals at Alexander Hall on Fort Gordon, Ga., Oct. 17-22. The Pentagon Channel will air a 90-minute live broadcast of the Military Idol finals.

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The Heidelberg winner will receive \$500, \$500 in Unit Funds for his unit, and the trip to Fort Gordon. The second-place performer will receive \$500, and third-place will receive \$250.

For further information, contact Heidelberg MWR at 373-1550, or email [mwrinfo@26asg.heidelberg.army.mil](mailto:mwrinfo@26asg.heidelberg.army.mil).

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